

**COMMITTEE ON THE IMPACT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND THE COURTS**

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DISCUSSION: Some practitioners have raised concerns about preclusion of relevant, admissible evidence at OOP hearings. The most common problem is that some judges are refusing to allow plaintiffs to testify about or admit any evidence of domestic violence allegations not specifically included in their petitions for OOPs. Another issue of concern is that some courts refuse to admit evidence based on non-disclosure despite the fact that ARPOP specifically states disclosure is not required.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Training for courts on rules of disclosure and admitting evidence at OOP hearings.